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## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
RULE 1.53(b)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation☒ Divisional☐ Continuation-in-Partapplication of prior pending Application No. 09/139,296, filed August 25, 1998,For (Title): STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING SAMEBy (Inventors): Toshiya OHTOMO and Hiroto HORIKAWA

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	94 - 20	= 74
INDEP CLAIMS	13 - 3	= 10
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

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RATE	FEE
	\$ 380
x 9 =	\$
x 39 =	\$
+130 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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RATE	FEE
	\$ 760
x 18	\$ 1332
x 78	\$ 780
+260	\$
TOTAL	\$2872

3. ☒ Check No. 100946 in the amount of \$2872.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
4. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

a1 ~~This is a Division of Application No. 09/139,296 filed August 25, 1998, which in turn is a Continuation of Application No. 08/935,445 filed September 23, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,850,280), which is a Continuation of Application No. 08/490,497 filed June 14, 1995. The entire disclosure of the prior applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.~~

6. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-21) are attached.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign applications No. 6-156429, 6-153458 and 6-268546 filed June 16, 1994, July 5, 1994 and November 1, 1994, respectively, in JAPAN is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and/or § 365(b).
- ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 08/490,497 on August 9, 1995.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
8. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_--
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Nikon Corporation recorded at Reel 7554, Frame 644-646.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:  
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11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. ☐ Small entity status:
- ☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.
- ☐ b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
14. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
15. ☒ The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565 and/or Caroline D. Dennison, Registration No. 34,494.
- ☐ a. The power appears in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney, of record in parent application no. 09/139,296, is also attached.
16. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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